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PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re prior application of:
Application No.: 09/980,981
Filed: October 18, 2001
For: Self-Aligning Mechanical Pointer

Group No.: 3671
Examiner: Addie, Raymond W.

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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)
(37 C.F.R. § 1.114)

REQUEST FOR CONVERSION

1. Applicant hereby requests continued examination, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.114, for the above identified application.

TIME REQUEST IS BEING MADE

2. This request is being submitted
- ☒ Prior to abandonment of the application
 - ☐ Payment of the issue fee
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 - ☐ Issue fee has been paid but a petition under § 1.313 has been granted
 - ☐ Prior to a decision on appeal to the Board of Patent Appeals & Interferences
 - ☐ Appeal to the U.S. Court of Appeals of the Federal Circuit under 35 U.S.C. 145
 - or ☐ Commencement of civil action under 35 U.S.C. 146
 - ☐ Prior to the filing of such appeal or commencement of civil action
 - ☐ Such appeal or commencement of civil action has been terminated

CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.8(a) and 1.10

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ENCLOSURES

3. Enclosed herewith is/are:
- ☐ An information disclosure (37 C.F.R. § 1.98)
 - ☐ Form PTO-1449 (PTO/SB/08A and 08B)
 - ☒ An amendment
 - ☐ New arguments
 - ☐ New evidence in support of patentability
 - ☐ Other:

FEE FOR REQUEST (37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)).

4. This application is on behalf of:
- ☐ Small entity (and status is still as small entity)..... \$385.00
 - ☒ Other than a small entity..... \$770.00

FEE FOR CLAIMS

5. The fee for claims (37 C.F.R. § 1.16 (b)-(d)) has been calculated as shown below.

Number filed	Number extra	Rate	Basic Fee
			\$770.00
Total Claims - 20	=	\$18.00	\$ 0
(37 CFR 1.16(c))			
Independent Claims - 3	=	\$86.00	\$ 0
(37 CFR 1.16 (b))			
Multiple dependent claim(s), if any +	=	\$290.00	\$ 0
(37 CFR 1.16(d))			

☒ No additional fee is required.

OR

☐ Total additional fee required is \$_____

EXTENSION OF TIME

6. The proceedings therein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.136 apply

- (a) ☐ Applicant petitions for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 (fees: 37 C.F.R. 1.17(a)-(d) for the total number of months checked below:

Extension (months)	Fee for other than small entity	Fee for small entity
<input type="checkbox"/> one month	\$ 110.00	\$ 55.00
<input type="checkbox"/> two months	\$ 420.00	\$210.00
<input type="checkbox"/> three months	\$ 950.00	\$475.00
<input type="checkbox"/> four months	\$1,480.00	\$740.00

Fee: \$_____

If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor.
(check and complete the next item, if applicable.)

- ☐ An extension for _____ months has already been secured. The fee paid therefor of \$_____ is deducted from the total fee due for the total months of extension now requested.
Extension fee due with this request: \$_____
- ☒ Applicant believes that no extension of term is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time.

TOTAL FEE(S) DUE

7. The total fee(s) due is/are:
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|---|----------|
| Continued Prosecution Fee (§1.17(e)) | \$770.00 |
| Fee(s) for additional claims (if any) (§ 1.16(b)-(d)) | \$ |
| Extension of time fee (if any) (§ 1.17(a)(1)-(4)) | \$ |
| Total Fee(s) Due | \$ |

PAYMENT OF FEES DUE

8. ☐ Check in the amount of \$
- ☒ Charge Account No. 07/1775 in the amount of \$770.00
A duplicate of this transmittal is attached.
- ☐ Charge Credit Card the sum of \$
(Credit Card Payment Form (PTO-2038) attached)

Please charge any required additional fee(s) for § 1.17(e), § 1.16(b)-(d) and/or § 1.17(a)(1)-(4) to

- ☒ Account 07/1775
- ☐ Credit Card (Credit Card Payment Form (PTO-2038) attached).

INVENTORSHIP

9. This application as amended names as inventors:

☒ the same inventors as previously designated for the claims

☐ fewer than the inventors previously designated and a statement accompanies this request for the deletion of the name or names of the person or persons who are not inventors of the invention now being claimed.

☐ a person not named previously as an inventor and a petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.48 is/has separately: ☐ being filed ☐ been filed


DEFERRAL OF EXAMINATION

10. ☐ A request for deferral of examination accompanies this request for continued examination.

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AMENDMENT

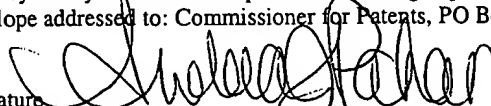
Sir:

In response to the Office action of November 10, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 3 of this paper.

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